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Attorney General John Ashcroft

U.S. Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today regarding the Microsoft antitrust settlement. After three years of litigation, the case is finally closed against Microsoft. I believe that the case was unwarranted to begin with, yet I am pleased to see its end.

Microsoft has made many concessions throughout the process. Microsoft has agreed to disclose the internal interface designs of Windows. It has also agreed to license Microsoft at a uniform price to computer manufacturers. These developments come at great cost to the Microsoft Corporation. Why is Microsoft willing to do so?

Because it is in everyone's best interest that this matter be resolved.

Sincerely,